

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are presently pending in this application, Claim 7 having been amended and Claims 8-12 having been newly added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification was objected to due to the abstract and disclosure being informal; and Claim 7 was objected to for being improper form. However, Claims 1-6 were indicated as allowed.

First, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-6 have been allowed.

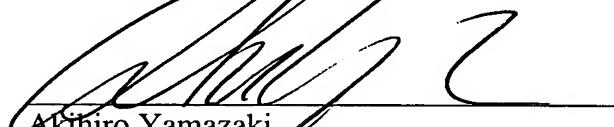
In response to the objections to the specification, the noted informalities have been corrected, and submitted herewith is a new abstract which is believed to be in compliance with the requirement of the rule. Also, submitted herewith is a separate LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S), submitting for approval changes to Figure 1. Specifically, Figure 1 has been amended in accordance with the corrections in the specification.

With regard to the objection of Claim 7, Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 and also rewritten as new Claims 8-12 which depend from Claims 2-6, respectively.

In light of the prior indication of allowed claims and in view of the amendments presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner disagrees with any of the amendments presented above, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to derive a mutually agreeable solution and expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

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